

CHRISTIAN CITY

Your Partyline connection!

March 2026, Senior Living Newsletter



Building Community Through Giving

Each February the **Count Me In** (CMI) fundraising campaign brings residents and employees together to raise money for a special project on campus. **This year's CMI campaign raised over \$5,300** to create a gathering and picnic spot in the field adjacent to Fellowship Bridge. We envision a small pavilion with picnic tables and other amenities where residents can gather with their neighbors, friends and family members.

The two-week **Count Me In** campaign began with a picnic themed kick-off party at the Rec Center where residents and employees were encouraged to cash in their CMI chips for fun prizes as part of our Chip-In program (*The new calendar of events and activities showing how to earn CMI chips throughout 2026 is inserted into this edition of Partyline*). Our winners were: Betty Payne (\$25 Graceland gift certificate), Beverley Goggins (five meals for winner and a friend at PruittHealth dining services), Cassandra Giles (one rental of Rec Center), Beverley Goggins (one night Delta Cottage rental), and Miriam King (two nights at the Callaway Gardens Lodge).

At the end of the campaign, residents and employees enjoyed a pizza party celebrating the success of our fundraising efforts. Special recognition was given to our residents and employees who are GEMs (**Gives Every Month**) - more on that on page 6. Every donor's name was put into a raffle drawing for \$25 Amazon gift cards. Those winners were: Lena Harkins, Semena Redding, Beverley Goggins and Cassandra Giles.

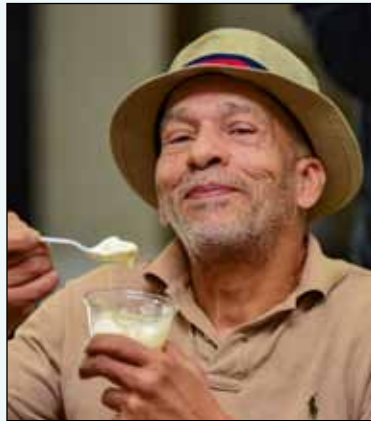
Even though our special project fundraising campaign has concluded, it's never too late to give. Visit christiancity.org/donate/ to make a gift or contact Brian Teague at bteague@christiancity.org for more information.





Tony Miller

You may have spotted him on a dance floor or two—because Tony Miller is always ready to dance! Tony, who has lived at John Sparks Manor for nearly four years, sought early on to change direction and make a commitment to live a happier, more joyful life. Salsa dancing has become a big part of that journey. “I decided to make some changes and set out on a journey to enjoy life more, be happier, and have more fun,” he shared.



Tony was first introduced to salsa when a couple he knew invited him to join a class. Despite never having danced before, he decided to give it a try.



The class, mostly women, needed more men, so his friends used a little humor to get him there. “They tricked me into coming by telling me a woman in the class had a crush on me but didn’t,” he laughs.

The basic salsa steps came easier to Tony than he expected, and he quickly fell in love with the dance—though his friends still had to drag him out to class at times. When attendance in the class began to drop, Tony and the instructor simply went out dancing together. “I kept going, and it became my place of peace. I got good at it. The laughter and fun spilled over into my life.”



As a Christian City resident, Tony tries to spread joy and positivity—something he came to understand was much needed. Still growing as a dancer himself, he’s already shared his enthusiasm by leading two salsa demonstration classes for residents and teaching a few beginners the basics. “It doesn’t cost a thing to have fun,” he says. Tony attends most recreation events on campus as part of his commitment to living a happy, fulfilling life.

“I’m not perfect, but as long as God has His hands on me, I’ll be alright,” Tony says. Tony plans to keep dancing while continuing his spiritual and personal growth.

You can catch Tony—and maybe even learn a few salsa moves—on Tuesday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the John Sparks Manor Community Room.

Every resident of Christian City is unique with their own story. Among Us is a recurring feature dedicated to telling those stories in order to build community and neighborly bonds. If you or someone you know has a good story to feature, contact Hala Hess White (hhwhite@christiancity.org).

LEARN TO Salsa

with Tony Miller

Tuesday, March 24
3 p.m.
John Sparks Manor
Community Room



Renovations Revealed at Sparks Inn



Sat., March 7 | 11 am - 1 pm
Tour of new Sparks Inn renovations



Tues., March 10 | 11 am - 1 pm
Join us for an **OPEN HOUSE** with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Know anyone looking for a place to call home?

Residents from across campus came together to celebrate Black History Month in February. Among the activities, a delicious dinner and screening of the movie, *The Forge*. Before the viewing started, Chief Spiritual Care Officer Paul Kinney introduced Christian City's newest chaplain, Robert Stanley.



**Patio Homes
at Christian City**
Saturday, May 2
10 am - 3 pm



**You
can earn a
\$500
REFERRAL FEE**

Know someone interested in moving to Christian City? Tell them to call Kim Williams (770-703-2749) to schedule a showing AND mention YOUR name. For you to receive the \$500 referral fee, they must mention your name during the initial meeting with Kim and sign a lease within 14 days.

NEED HELP AROUND THE HOUSE?

Volunteers will be on campus March 21 to help. Contact Elizabeth by March 19 to get on the schedule emansour@christiancity.org or 678-466-1093

GRACELAND

Thrift Store

HOURS

SHOP WITH US!

WED - SAT

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DONATION HOURS

WED - SAT

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Save
the Date



SPRING FLING
Saturday, May 2!



**Coloring
Workshop
with Michelle**

Tuesday,
March 17

from

10-Noon

at the
Rec Center



March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 EBC Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:30 Chaplain Bible Study * 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Visits from Catholic Priest; <i>contact Spiritual Care</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study, <i>RC</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub</p>
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- All programs are at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.
- Is there a program you want to see?! Contact Tyler at 770-703-2730 or tgarcia@chirstiancity.org with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7
10:00 Tech Thursdays * 11:00 Tai Chi 12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM Craft Room 1:00 Silver Sneakers	12:00 Line Dancing 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	11:00-1:00 Pruitt Place Tour of New Renovations
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*** TUESDAYS:**
Chaplain Bible Study is in the LMM Community Room.

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*** WEDNESDAYS-**
Bible Study is in the Mt. Carmel Chapel

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2:30 - Swinging Old Dudes is in the SI Auditorium

*** THURSDAYS:**
Sign up by calling 770-703-2730 for 1:1 help with any technology product.

Contact Campus Patrol for emergency maintenance requests when office is closed.

LEGEND:
HV - Harper Valley;
DC - Dogwood Circle;
AP - Autumn Place;
HA - Hilltop Acres;
LMM - Larry Moore Manor;
JSM - John Sparks Manor;
GT - Garden Terrace;
GMM - Gene Miller Manor



PHILANTHROPY corner

Christian City Employees Step Up for Count Me In



This year, Christian City employees were encouraged and incentivized to increase their giving with a friendly challenge. Any department that doubled the number of full-time employees who donated in 2025 or reached 100% of their department giving in 2026 will get a special breakfast treat.

The Advancement, Administrative and Active Senior Living Departments each have 100% of employees who gave during the two-week campaign. This year, Two Sparrows Village and Children & Family Programs doubled the number of employees who gave in 2025.

What a great way for Christian City employees to show they believe in the mission!

Volunteer of the Month: **CHERYL CATER**

Our Volunteer of the Month for March has devoted a great deal of her life to Christian City - as a resident, volunteer, and a house parent in the Children's Village! Cheryl Cater is an active volunteer and important part of the Christian City community.



Cheryl joins us at parties and campus events. She gives her free time to Graceland Thrift Store where she oversees the specialty shop. At Christmas, Cheryl helps to make the Christmas shop magical for the holiday season. For the past two years, she has been Volunteer of the Year with hundreds of volunteer hours. Cheryl is a delight to be around! She strongly supports the mission of Christian City and enjoys sharing stories about her years here. Thank you, Cheryl, for all you do!



Thanks for being a GEM.



Carrie Bradley
Valarie Merritt Brown
Shirley Chambers
Joan Clackum
Barbara & Harry Crosland
Merlin Davis
Barry Debrow
Rebecca Dingler
Martha & Greg Earwood
Ros Ferrell
Susan Floyd
Tyler Garcia
Michelle Gardner

Flora Germany
Cassandra Giles
C.B. Glover
Renee & John Goolsbee
Nell and Al Hall
Barbara Heath
Laura & Ed Higgins
Lora & Clark Hill
Renee Howze
Anne Josey
Paul Kinney
Richard LaJesse
LaVann Landrum

Dan Langford
Chaundra Luckett
Elizabeth Mansour
Theresa & Gerald McDonald
Nija Miranda
Sarah Moore
Linda Morrison
Lauri Newsome
Debo & Danny O'Neal
Linda Pierce
Noelle & Nathan Porter
Lissa Rand
James Ranger
Ray Rosano
Mark Sexton
Susan Stanfield
Tiffany Jones Sutherland
Brian Teague
Vena Wells
Brenda & Van Williams
Kim Williams

Gives Every Month

Community Champion AWARDS PRESENTED BY CHRISTIAN CITY

Join us to
honor the 2026
Community Champions!
Wednesday, April 29, GA Aquarium



Michael Russell



To sponsor or buy tickets: christiancity.org/ccca

Love, laughter and community filled the room at our Valentine's Day Dinner at Christian City. Nearly 90 residents gathered to enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, Valentine's music from Latrice Strickland, and sweet time spent catching up with friends and neighbors around the table.





IT'S OFFICIAL



Two Sparrows Village has officially become a program of Christian City, a milestone partnership that will expand housing, strengthen services, and create even greater opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental differences and neurodiverse individuals to live full, meaningful lives.

Supportive housing for adults with intellectual and developmental differences is one of the most urgent needs facing families today. After graduation from school-based programs, many individuals lose access to structured community life.

Two Sparrows Village was founded on a simple but powerful belief: everyone deserves a home, relation-

ships, and a chance to contribute. Over time, it has grown into a vibrant community where residents build independence while surrounded by support.

Christian City, long known for its residential care, senior living, and community outreach ministries, offers something Two Sparrows Village has been ready for - space to grow. The new relationship allows Two Sparrows Village to expand residential living in a structured, supportive neighborhood designed specifically for abundant community life.



Young Adults Thriving: Meet Princess



Inside the cottages of Christian City's Thrive program, young women and men work hard to get their lives back on track. Ranging from 18-24, many have spent years in foster care or living on the streets, while searching for stability.

Princess, a Thrive program participant, knows what life feels like when the bottom falls out. From middle school on, the 24-year-old lost a pivotal family member every year, including her father. Her profound grief led to mental and emotional challenges, causing her to drop out of high school for several months. When she finally returned during the COVID-19 pandemic, Princess learned the remainder of her high school career would be completed online. No prom. No graduation. Nothing that once seemed so normal.

After briefly moving out of state with her mother, Princess returned to Atlanta and tried to make it on her own. Without a safety net, she struggled and eventually lost her

apartment. That's where Christian City came in.

Princess knew the Thrive program could be the bridge to getting her life back on track after seeing the progress her younger sister Ameera made during her time in the program. She moved to campus in the summer of 2025 and immersed herself in Thrive programming.

Princess now volunteers regularly, participates in monthly professional development sessions, attends therapy, holds a steady job as a head line chef, and most recently began working toward her Commercial Driver's License (CDL), one of her lifelong dreams. She admits, the classes are intense but takes pride in being one of the few women in the program. "I've always been a fast learner, but this takes time. You have to slow down so you don't miss anything."

Thanks to the support of Thrive staff, Princess has been able to get to school and work each day without worrying about transportation or safety. She finds comfort and, at times, tough love in the Christian City team, sharing, "They take care of us. They make sure you are okay."



The Chaplain's Office

Preparing for New Beginnings and Walking with Christ

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

As we move through the late winter days of March, we begin to sense a change in the air. The cold still lingers, yet signs of spring quietly emerge with longer daylight, softer breezes, and the first hints of new life stirring beneath the ground. This season reminds us that God has built **new beginnings into creation itself**. Though much still looks bare, renewal is already underway. Nature teaches us patience and hope by showing us that after every season of rest comes growth. Late winter is a beautiful picture of the spiritual rhythm God has placed in our lives. There are times when we pause, reflect and prepare before stepping into what's next.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Just as the earth resets before spring, God allows seasons in our lives where we regroup, rest and refocus. These quieter moments strengthen us and prepare us for the blessings ahead. Late winter encourages us to appreciate calmness, not as emptiness, but as **God's preparation time**. *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31* Even when growth isn't visible, God is working beneath the surface of our lives. This season invites us to center our hearts on God's Word and spend meaningful time in prayer. Scripture reminds us



of God's promises, strengthens our faith and builds spiritual resilience for every stage of life. A few peaceful moments each day with the Bible can bring comfort, clarity, and renewed hope.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

As March often leads us toward **Palm Sunday**, we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when crowds waved palm branches and praised Him as King. *"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Matthew 21:9* Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus brings **hope, salvation and new life**. Just as spring follows winter, Christ brings renewal after seasons of waiting. His presence in our lives is the greatest source of peace, strength and fresh beginnings. Late winter teaches us that preparation always comes before growth. As we wait for spring, may we also trust God with what He is preparing in our hearts. May this season bring Peace in moments of stillness, Strength through God's Word, Hope for what lies ahead and Joy in every season of life.

God is faithful, and just like spring always follows winter, His promises always bring new life.

Grace and Peace,
Chaplain Paul

Paul Kinney, Chief Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or pkinney@christiancity.org

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 19
3:30 pm
Sparks Inn Auditorium

ASL Residents:

Nancy Arnold
Leanita Dowdy
Charles Furtado
Erlene Hicks

Sparks Inn Assisted Living:

John Funchess
Edith Jones
Juanita Wilcher

Christian City Rehabilitation:

Peggy Atkins
William Bailey
Sylvia Black
Andrea Blake
Margaret Bruce
Ibrahim Bunduka
Thelma Conley
Ralois Crowd

Jeanette Davenport
Mattie Guider
Juanita Haney
Pamela Langley
Czerny Milner
Shirley Myers
Matilda Jones
Alix Kebreau

Grace Raiford
Issac J Robertson
Susie Stinchcomb
Jane Ann Stone
Claudia Taylor
Laurie Washington
Nancy B Winn